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NO NEED TO RAISE SCHOOL TAXES HERE!

We fear that many of our people in Appomattox have a mistaken view of our school problem. We admit the sincerity and the spirit of those who gathered at the court house last Thursday and adopted a resolution asking for a tax increase that the school and the school buses might operate nine months next session. But we cannot concur in their conclusion as to a remedy for the problem.

The whole point has been missed by those seeking a raise in taxes. The whole point is that the problem of a school budget is definitely NOT an Appomattox County problem! It is, instead, a STATE PROBLEM, and should be solved by the STATE.

There are 41 counties in Virginia who find it impossible to carry the load of operating out of local funds, use expensive transportation system and at the same time maintain the rigid standards required by the Virginia Department of Education.

The State Department of Education has been fully aware of this for many years, has surely known that the entire financial set-up was facing a breakdown. Yet, the Department has put off and put off and evaded the problem and come up with the feeble suggestion that localities either borrow money or increase local taxes. We charge that the attitude of those at present in charge of the State Department of Education has been to encourage localities to borrow money or to raise local taxes, rather than to realize that any problem of it is a STATE PROBLEM and should be met by uniform statewide legislation.

We have suggested privately, and we now suggest publicly, that the best way to solve the problem of the school budgets is to have a joint meeting of the boards of supervisors and school boards of these 41 counties to take united action, asking that the general assembly be convened to reach a STATE-WIDE solution.

Frankly, we have never felt that the alleged Three-Point Program of the Education Association, hit the nail on the head. Let's review the facts: ... in the past decade we have two remarkable and far-reaching changes in the public school system. First was the big CONSOLIDATION movement. The bulk of the small schools were done away with and all over the state thousands of pupils had to be transported to centralized schools. The children of twenty years ago had to walk to school, but not to a consolidated school at the other end of the county! And, secondly, in addition to the load of transportation costs, the counties found it necessary to BUILD MASSIVE NEW BUILDINGS to house the FLOOD of pupils at these new consolidated schools.

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We state the case of the survival of the human spirit as we did above, in the light of the tremendous pressure being put upon the populations of Europe. For five years and more, both civilians and soldiers in a dozen European countries have borne the heaviest pressure in the history of the world. One week of what happened in Poland, Holland, Belgium and Northern France surpasses in its pressure upon human nerves and spirit anything ever experienced before by mankind. Were all the battles of the War between the States squeezed into one gigantic day, the strain and the pressure would not equal that of forty-eight hours today!

We sincerely question if those millions of people, on both sides, can ever be the same again. Maybe the hundreds of thousands who die are the most fortunate of the lot. It is the millions who must go on living with wild, haunting nightmares filling each waking and sleeping hour, who shall pay the biggest price. Few of us realize how changed has become the method of waging war. The old hand-to-hand skirmishes and the old exchange of gunfire from prepared positions has been

MEMORIAL DAY

Each year more and more graves of our soldier dead claim the loving attention of relatives, friends, and comrades, who on May 30 place upon them flowers and flags as tributes to those who sleep. This beautiful custom is said to have originated at Petersburg, Va., where on June 9, 1865, the citizens decorated the graves of a number of Confederates who had fallen in battle while defending the town on the same date a year before. In 1868 Mrs. Logan, wife of General John A. Logan, then commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., happened to visit Petersburg on its annual Memorial Day and was so impressed with the idea that she recommended to the general that it be made a national custom.

Accordingly, he issued a proclamation the next year, calling upon all people to observe the CAN'T GO ON BORROWING and raising taxes to carry the transportation load. Just as the point was reached when the counties could no longer carry the load of ROAD-BUILDING, so the limit has been reached in many counties, in carrying the load of pupil transportation and meeting rigid state performance standards.

If it is granted that the solution is to be found in a special session of the general assembly, then let us ask what such a special session could do? The answer to that is twofold. First, restore and increase the discretionary fund to such amount as is needed for the 1940-41 and 41-42 school sessions, such money being easily available in the SURPLUS and MAY REQUIRE NEW TAXES. (The SURPLUS this year will approach TWO MILLION dollars.) Second, the said special session should set up an ADEQUATE commission of experts to report permanent legislation at the next regular session. We emphasize the adequate, because we want no more compromise which recently reported that there was no overrunning in our state of the institutions concerned were on that body and patting each other on the back in a report that might well have been published on the front page of the public school system of Virginia is TOP-HEAVY. Whereas many states are endeavoring to maintain one large state university, and teachers college and one agricultural and engineering college, Virginia is maintaining A SWARM of all sorts and varieties of THE EXCESS OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. We do not argue that Virginia has too many college students, but we do argue that there are too many STATE-SUPPORTED colleges. This is the NEW LEASEMENT. It has been generally known and accepted as a fact for many years, BUT we are NOW getting MIGHTY TIRED of not doing anything about it! We wonder how long the counties will endure this condition. Surely, we shall not raise our county taxes when it is unnecessary, unfair and inequitable. We do not hesitate to predict that if these 41 counties or a majority of them, will take a united stand and toss the problem into the place where it rightly belongs, the only resolution will be found. And in concluding, let it be said that if Dr. Hall and his department with handling the discretionary fund, then surely the people will deem it to their interest to place in office public servants who will.

TESTING CONDUCT BY ITS USEFULNESS

(A Principle of Temperate Living) LESSON TEXT—Ezekiel 15:1-6; Matthew 13:12-13; 1 Corinthians 10:1-7. GOLDEN TEXT—Ye shall know them by their fruit.—Matthew 7:16.

Sound principles are foundational to right living. Right living is temperate living. The right temperance is the right use of the faculties of the soul. This lesson, which is our second one on this subject, properly stresses the importance of testing conduct by its true usefulness.

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CAN DEATH RAYS BE USED IN WARS?

Interesting discussion of the discovery of powerful forces which some scientists declare will be useful in war to destroy the enemy. One of many features in June 10th issue of The American Weekly.

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This newspaper was established in 1892.
State bankers had convention last week in Roanoke.

England seeking to build up dollar exchange in the U.S.
Germany claims Gibraltar can be captured if properly attacked from the air.

IMPROVED SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

By HAROLD L. LINDQUIST, D. D., Dean of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago (Reprinted by Western Newspaper Union).

Lesson for June 2

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He sent redemption unto his people; he hath commanded his covenant forever; holy and reverent is his name. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all they that do his commandments; his praise endureth forever.—Psalm 111: 9, 10.

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Evergreen Personal

Events Reported

Evergreen, May 28. - May Day and Child Health Day was observed at the Evergreen school May 17th.

The following program was given: Health Song, primary grades; The Toy Shop, primary grades; A lesson from the past, upper grades. Linda Warner was crowned May Queen, with Ella Ranson as Maid of Honor. Last on the program was the May Pole dance and awarding of the five-point certificates. Many patrons and visitors were present.

A play, "That Watkins Girl," which was given at the Evergreen school Saturday, May 25, was a great success. Due to weather conditions many people were unable to attend. It is hoped that they will be repeated so that they may have an opportunity to see it.

We are glad to see Bruce Paulett driving the school bus again this morning.

Trucker Clark, the efficient and popular agent here for the N. & W. Railway, is being transferred to a station at the end of the earth. He will leave Evergreen about the first of June.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Ranson, accompanied by Mrs. Ada Farrar and Miss Carrie Shanks motored to Lynchburg Sunday morning.

Charles Scruggs motored to Washington, D.C., Sunday.

Mrs. Ida Beale, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Vinston Thornhill, returned to her home in Lynchburg Sunday.

Sunday guests visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Scruggs were Mr. and Mrs. J. K. P. Carson, Theodore Carson and Lyle Garrett.

Mrs. Sue B. Christian spent Monday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrett.

Miss Jack Magginn spent Wednesday night with Alice Booker.

A library has been established for the summer at M. A. Booker's service station. It is a branch of the Appomattox county library.

Congress plans new taxes to meet part of cost of defense program.

Canada calls up 50,000 more men for army. Australia reporting on living over 1,000 per day to send to aid of England.

Appomattox is a growing town.

Rev. G. A. Chocklett and Mrs. Chocklett attended the funeral of Rev. Frank Cabiness at Clover last Sunday.

Mrs. Richard Gowen, of Prospect was buried at the Evergreen cemetery Sunday afternoon.

Recent visitors in the home of Mrs. Pearl Glenn were: Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hamilton and daughter, Mrs. Annie Bruce and Mrs. John Parker, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Ingo of Roanoke; Mr. and Mrs. Horace Byrd, of Lynchburg, and Misses Madan and Ebbelyn Lee.

Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Conner were: Mr. and Mrs. Boy Conner and Ernest Scruggs, Mr. and Mrs. John Ferguson and two sons, Kenneth and Floyd, of Lynchburg, and Mrs. Wilkerson of Prospect.

Frank Thomas Jr., of Oakhill, W. Va., was a recent visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Abbott; also Mr. Ed McPhillips, of Hixburg and Mrs. D. A. Conner of Appomattox.

Joe Paulett and Miss Williams, of Lynchburg, called on Mrs. J. C. Abbott Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dixon, of Appomattox, and Mrs. Bettie Phelps of Bent Creek were